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SUBJ: SOVIET-PRC RELATIONS: NO VISIBLE CHANGE

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1. A MOSCOW PUBLIC LECTURER ON NOVEMBER 10 DENOUNCED PEKING IN STANDARD POLEMICAL TERMS. SPEAKING AT THE ZNANIE SOCIETY, THE LECTURER SAID THA THE CHINESE NEVER PASS UP AN OPPORTUNITY TO BERATE MOSCOW ON EVERY POSSIBLE ISSUE. THEY USE EVERY FORM OF MEANNESS. THE LECTURER CITED THAT PROTION OF GROMYKO'S NOVEMBER 6 SPEECH WHICH ACCUSED THAT CHINESE OF SUPPORTING THE MOST EXTREME RIGHTIST FORCES AND THOSE WHO OPPOSE DETENTE. THE CHINESE TREAT THE U.S. ONLY AS AN HORS D'OEUVRE. C(COMMENT: THE INCOMPLETE
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ALLUSION IMPLIES THAT MOSCOW IS THE MAIN DISH -- I.E.,

THE CHIEF FOE IN CHINESE RHETORIC.) FURTHER
REITERATING THE STANDARD LINE, HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS
ALWAYS SEEK GOOD RELATIONS, WHICH WOULD BE IN THE
INTERESTS OF BOTH PEOPLES. OUR DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN
HE SAID, BUT PEKING PORTRAYS OUR RELATIONS IN THE
WORST LIGHT. THE BORDER TALKS ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED
BUT IL'ICHEV IS READY TO GO BACK TO PEKING WHENEVER
THE CHINESE SHOW A WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND TO PROPOSALS
ALREADY PUT FORWARD, INCLUDING THOSE OF 1969 AND 1972.
(WE ARE NOT AWARE THAT ANY NEW SOVIET PROPOSALS WERE TABLED IN
1972.) THE LECTURER DID NOT REFER TO THE PRC ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS.

2. A PRC MILITARY ATTACHE (TU) TOLD VISITING CIA
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL WILSON ON NOVEMBER 8 THAT THE
CHINESE GREETING CONTAINED NOTHING NEW AND THAT HE COULD
NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE WESTERN PRESS WAS MAKING SUCH A
FUSS ABOUT IT (SEE IR 6 901 1023 74)

3. ALTHOUGH IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT NEITHER OF THESE
COMMENTATORS ARE NOT INFORMED ABOUT ANY PROGRESS ON
THE BORDER TALKS AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL (REFTEL), THEIR
COMMENTS TEND TO REAFFIRM OUR IMPRESSION THAT THE SHIFTS IN TONE
ARE MORE COSMETIC THAN SUBSTANTIVE.
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